

What is the meaning of the lyrics to Hotel California?

The song is about **"excess in America"**

"It's basically a song about the dark underbelly of the American dream and about excess in America, which is something we knew a lot about," Henley said in a 2002 interview with "60 Minutes." 19 Jan 2016

Watch and listen.

Connect the words with arrows.

candle

alcoholic drink

courtyard

together

of our own device

a person who likes fancy and expensive stuff and cares about those things

shimmering light



gathered

because of something we did or chose

spirit



tiffany-twisted

a weak and unstable light

What happened next?

Answer the questions in your own words.

What was he doing at the beginning of the song?

How was the weather?

where did he decide to stay for the night?

how did he describe the place?

no one had that spirit since?

What woke him up at the middle of the night?

Where are the mirrors?

What did they want to kill for the feast?

What was the last thing he remembered?

What did the man say at the end?

Watch the video *